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SCORES WORKERS' COOPERATIVES

SAYS THEY OPERATE LIKE PRIVATE ENTERPRISES -- Zycie Warszawy, No 310, 10 Nov 49

It is common knowledge that with the prevailing laxity of controls a number of workers' cooperatives have been operating like private enterprises while masking as cooperatives. This is particularly true of construction cooperatives organized by various engineers and technicians who organized cooperatives of several members but hired several hundred or even thousands of employees. Timely countermeasures have put a stop to this new form of capitalist activity and resulted in the unmasking of 130 pseudo cooperatives.

Of the remaining 322 construction cooperatives, 204 have the same rights as other socialized enterprises. The cooperatives will remain under close scrutiny as to their membership and activity.

In 1949, building cooperatives handled orders exceeding 11 billion zlotys, which is sufficient to construction 24,000 rooms. In 1950, the business of these cooperatives will amount to 21 billion zlotys.

There has been a tendency to consider cooperatives of secondary importance. Hence materials delivered to them by supply offices usually were of an inferior quality. This was the cause of many failures to meet contracts, affecting the reputation of the cooperatives. Furthermore, the cooperatives do not receive technical blueprints for their building assignments. For instance, the Real Estate Administration in Warsaw never submitted to the cooperatives cost estimates and blueprints with its building orders, although required to do so. Lacking blueprints and cost estimates, the cooperatives are refused bank credit.

Labor offices send unskilled and inferior workers to cooperatives, often those fired from state enterprises. Building cooperatives now employ 17,000 workers.

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8.8 BILLION ZLOTYS FOR PHYSICAL TRAINING -- Zycie Warszawy, No 304, 4 Nov 49

By the end of 1950, 6,900,000 persons will have undergone physical training. The number of athletic events will increase to 64,000 annually. The number of participants will increase from the present 1,880,000 to 5,160,000, or 274 percent.

In 1950, the cost of training camps will amount to 54 million zlotys. The training of instructors will require an expenditure of 112 million zlotys in 1950. Aggregate investments in athletic facilities under the Six-Year Plan will amount to 8,800,000,000 zlotys.

ILLITERACY CAMPAIGN ACCELERATED -- Zycie Warszawy, No 305, 5 Nov 49

Polish youth organizations and trade unions have taken the lead in the fight against illiteracy. The greatest number of courses for illiterates have been organized in Krakow, Warsaw, and Rzeszow wojewodztwos. About 246,000 persons have enrolled, or 36 percent more than the planned figure of 180,000.

The week of 11 - 18 December will be proclaimed "Fight Illiteracy Week," during which a drive will be made throughout Poland to increase registration for the courses.

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